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Sent: 11/6/2020 3:22:52 PM
To: Rowan, Anne [rowan.anne@epa.gov]; Nelson, Leverett [nelson.leverett@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Chicago Public Radio (WBEZ) seeking comment re: R5's enforcement program + alleged discrimination at R5 / ddl 1:30 pm (Central) on Friday

Actually---Cheryl called and thinks Gaila is off today. I wrote a draft comment on our EEO program. I'll loop in Rett on the draft.

From: Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 6, 2020 9:11 AM
To: Nelson, Leverett <nelson.leverett@epa.gov>
Cc: Sanders, Amy <Sanders.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Chicago Public Radio (WBEZ) seeking comment re: R5's enforcement program + alleged discrimination at R5 / ddl 1:30 pm (Central) on Friday

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Thanks. Please feel free to call me at:

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Rowan, Anne
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>; Alfaro, Daniel <Alfaro.Daniel@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
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I've talked to R5 HR this morning and:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
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R5 please take #2. Angela will take #1 to OECA.

From: Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 9:00 PM

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Please advise. Thanks.

From: Jerome McDonnell <jmcdonnell@wbez.org>

Date: November 5, 2020 at 5:41:40 PM CST

To: "Singer, Joshua" <Singer.Joshua@epa.gov>

Subject: EPA response

Hi Joshua,

Jerome McDonnell from WBEZ here. I'm doing a short piece with two of the members of American Federation of Government Employees Local 704. I asked them about watching the election results and what they thought of the last four years and what their hopes for the future are.

They raised a couple points I want to get an EPA reaction to.

1. One of the union members talk about how not having enough enforcement officers out there, and not having enough investigators, and not having enough inspectors, will automatically decrease findings. And that will automatically decrease enforcement actions.

Is enforcement suffering because not enough EPA personnel are out there?

2. Also, a point as raised about perceived discrimination in personnel moves. Sited were an instance where the only Latino supervisor at the Office of Regional Council had his position downgraded for no apparent reason. Another instance was the a manager in the water division who was Asian American, and in a reshuffle he was the only manger that didn't end up in another management position.

Is there a discrimination problem at region 5?

I have a 1:30 deadline tomorrow(Friday).

Thanks for your help,
Jerome McDonnell
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